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In re Patent Application of:

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1624**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 22 October 2010, time for response to which was set to expire 22 January 2011. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited processing is respectfully requested.

The proposed amendment to the claims clearly places the application in a position for allowance and thus entry of the amendment though made after final rejection is respectfully requested. Reconsideration in light of the amendment is respectfully requested.